Social and Personal.

When thou art very old-by candle-light, Beside thy fireside seated, spinning, thou Wilt tell-the while my verses crooning-

how aright Rousard thy youthful beauty sang; Then will my servitor, tho' drowsing quite From weariness, arouse at such avow,

hearing this, my name-awakened now.
Go forth thy praises sounding morn and night.

A formless spirit I shall be, deep laid Beneath the sod, in quiet myrtle shade; Whilst thou, grown old before the embers

Cower, Regretting my lost love and thy disdain; bid thee live, nor wait to-morrow's vain; Life's roses gather ere the evening hour.-Pierre Rousard, translated by A. Lenalie, in Metropolitan.

Purcell-Bosher.

Purcell—Bosher.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Melville Bosher, the daughter of the late Robert S. Bosher and Mrs. Bosher, to Mr. Thomas Williamson Purcell, the son of Colonel and Mrs. John B. Purcell, of this city, was celebrated last night at 9 c'clock in the home of the bride, No. 2 East Franklin Street, the Rev. Dr. William E. Evans, by Monumental Episcopal Church, being the celebrant.

On account of the Bruce's indemining the ceremony was only witnessed by the intimate friends of her family and that of the groom. Miss Eleanor Bosher was her sister's maid of honor, and Dr. Stuart, of Washinston, D. C., was best man to Mr. Purcell.

bride entered with her brother, Dr. ne bride entered with her brother, Di-lect S. Bosher, who gave her away, was exquisitely gowned in white crepe chine. Her flowers were white roses lilles of the valley. Miss Eleanor her wore white louisine and carried

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Purcell left for the North. They will be in Richmond, at No. 1604 West Avenue, where they will be after the first of December. They both belong to prominent Richmond families, and have, through the high esteem and respect of their many friends, the sincerest congratulations any good wishes for their future happiness.

Randolph—Cartmell.

The Winchester News-Item of October 19th has the following announcement: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Cartmell Issued ards to-day for the marriage of their laughter, Miss Annie Lyle Cartmell, to Mr. D. Coupland Randolph, of Richmond, an Wednesday November 24 at 5 P. M. Wednesday, November 2d, at 5 P. M. their country home, "Ingleside Cot ce," near Winchester.

Only relatives and intimate friends of both parties are expected to witness the ceremony A reception will follow from 5:30 to 7 P. M.

Reception to Visitors.

Among the most attractive social events of yesterday was the reception tea given at 5 o'clock in the afternoon in the Women's Club, to the Richmond visitors among the wives of the physicians attending the meeting of the State Medical

J. N. Upphur, Mrs. J. S. Wellford Ennion G. Williams, delightful musical programme mad-

ed Clover," and in a Scotch ballad a "My Laddle," Miss Hunter's selection, an "Irish Love Song" and sheen," were rendered with much gand sweetness of expression, her notes being very true and clear, is Myrtle Redford's plano solo was ved with appliquee, and was executed the skill which characterizes Missord as a finishelm of ability.

able opportunity for the hostesses of the afternoon to meet and to know the wives of the Virginia medical fraternity who were their guests. The occasion marked the day with everything that was enjoyable by way of experience and reminiscence.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

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YUSSOUF.

By JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Other selections from Lowell, together with his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.



STRANGER came one night to Yussouf's tent, Saying, "Behold one outcast and in dread, Against whose life the bow of power is bent, Who flies, and hath not where to lay his head; I come to thee for shelter and for food, To Yussouf, called through all our tribes 'The Good.'

"This tent is mine," said Yussouf, "but no more Than it is God's; come in, and be at peace; Freely shalt thou partake of all my store As I of His who buildeth over these Our tents his glorious roof of night and day, And at whose door none ever yet heard Nay."

So Yussouf entertained his guest that night, And, waking him ere day, said: "Here is gold; My swiftest horse is saddled for thy flight; Depart before the prying day grow bold." As one lamp lights another, nor grows less, So nobleness enkindleth nobleness.

That inward light the stranger's face made grand, Which shines from all self-conquest; kneeling low, He bowed his forehead upon Yussouf's hand, Sobbing: "O Sheik, I cannot leave thee so; I will repay thee; all this thou hast done Unto that Ibrahim who slew thy son!"

"Take thrice the gold," said Yussouf, "for with thee Into the desert, never to return, My one black thought shall ride away from me; First-born, for whom by day and night I yearn, Balanced and just are all of God's decrees;



Cabell in her beautiful colonial home on West Frankin Street.

Hall parlor and dining-room decorations were in palma and American Beauty roses. Receiving with Mrs. Cabell were Mrs. J. Caskle Cabell, Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee and Mrs. John D. Potts, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Raley has been the center of much graceful hospitality since incr arrival. Ehe is related to the Caleil family of Virginia. Mrs. Henry Cabell's reception, though informal in its nature, was characterized by the elegance of appointment that goes with everything which she, as a hostess, directs.

Buell—Frye. Buell-Frye.

was the guest of honor yesterday at an the Washington Post, and is reproduced informal reception given by Mrs. Henry here. The account says:

Cabell in her beautiful colonial home on A pretty home wedding took place last

Pritchard as the bridal party enter-ed the front parlor. Miss Frye, who cele-brated her nigeteenth birthday a rew weeks ago, was most attractive in a Richmond and Virginia people will be weeks ago, was most attractive in a meeting in a weeding, an account of gown of white slik mull over taffeta and

tuile vell, a shower bouquet of lilles of the valley completing her costume. Miss Helen Frye, who was her sister's only attendant, wore a gown of yellow organ-dy and carried white chrysanthemums. Mr. George Buell acted as his brother's best man.

The youthful couple left last evening The youthful couple left last evening for a trlp to Sty Louis and, a visit to the bride's relatives' in Kansas, but will make their future home in Herndon' Va., where they will hold a large reception on the evening of November 19th. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Buell, of Herndon, who, with Miss Mary Buell and Mr. Stanley Buell, were present at the marriage ceremony.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. E. S. White, the wife of Dr. E. S. White, and Miss Edna White, of Oxford, N. C., have been the guests of Mrs. John L. Wingo, at No. 301 Floyd Avenus.

Miss Margaret Cabell Carrington, who has been visibing Mrs. George Coults Rolems, of New Brunswick, N. J. is expected to return in the next few weeks. Miss Carrington has been charmingly entertained. . . .

The friends of Mrs. George A. Dela-plane, of Fauquier, Va., will be pleased to know that she is on a visit to her brother, Mr. Louis Russell Thomas, of No. 122 North Lombardy Street.

Mrs. W. W. Taylor, who spent several days of this week in Richmond, left Thursday to return to Clifton Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Putney are the guests of Mr. Putney's sister, Mrs. Martin. in Salom, Va.

Miss Maria Blair is visiting Judge and

Dr. Benjamin Blackford, of Staunton, is spending the week in Richmond.

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Ribble, of Wytheville, are in Richmond for the week. Miss Rose V. Brennan, of Portsmouth, is the guest of relatives, and will remain here until after the Horse Show.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Barton French All, and Mrs. S. Barton French are eintertaining a house party at Barton Lodgo, their Hot Springs villa. Among their guests are Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Steele and Mr. Richard Young, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. French gave a dinner Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hauge, of the Swedish legation at Washington. In addition to the house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Guthrie, of New York, were present.

It has been announced at Walmer Cas-tle that Lady Curzon maintains her im-provement, and that Lord Curzon has postponed his departure to India until the end of November.

Mrs. M. N. Bradley, of Staunton, is spending some time with her son, Marc, who is attending Richmond College.

. . . .

Miss Annie Rocke has as her guest Miss Emily Sanderson, of Newport News. Miss Kathryn Patton, of Danville, is visiting her uncle. Mr. James D. Patton, on West Franklin Street.

Other Danville visitors to the city include Dr. W. L. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs

Miss Margaret Dillon, of this city, was a maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Alice Vincent Martin to Mr. Charles J. M. Dillion, celebrated in Lynchburg last Wednesday.

Town and County of October 15th, says society has been kept on the jump when fashionable weddings, like those of Mr. Ogden Codman Jr., and Mrs. H. Walter Webb; Mr. James Brown Potter and Miss Handy, set the pace for the other engagments and alliances in prospect. Society in consequence is now ready to take matrimony en surprise, and it is all excitement, not knowing where next to turn.

Major and Mrs. Otway Allen and Mrs. Allen's brother, Mr. Dudley Macdonald, have left to spend some time at the St. Louis Exposition.

On Wednsday next the marriage of James Nevett Steele, a son of the Rev. Dr. Steele, of Trinity, to Miss Elizabeth Congdon, of Providence, will take place in Grace Church, at Providence, Miss Louise Thatcher and Miss Louise B. Congdon will be among the bridal attendants, while Waldon Pell will be among the ushers.

Miss Sue Seddon Wellford came from Baltimore to be maid of honor at the marriage of her friend, Miss Mary Meade

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Burwell, to Mr. Edwin C. Laird. She will remain in Richmond to visit friends before returning to her home in Gloucester.

Miss Harlot Lee Tallaferro is to stay at the home of the Richmond Art Club at the corner of Madison and Grace Streets.

Mrs. Taylor Bissell, of Staunton, Va., spent Friday in Richmond.

WEDDED OVER WIRE IN THE PEST HOUSE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 20.—Bray PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 20.—Braving the possibilities of contracting small-pox, Mrs. Eva Lyona, a widow, was yesterday married to Frederick Mehren, who is critically ill with the malignant disease at the Municipal Hospital. It was one of the most remarkable marriages ever performed in this city. Four miles away from the pest-house, Magistrate Medeavy said the words over the telephone that tied the nuptial knot, while the bride was sitting by the bridesroom's cot.

the bride was sitting by the bridegroom's cot.

New York Lyons entered the hospital this morning Dr. B. F. Royer tried to induce her to change her mind about the wedding.

"I have set my head and heart upon it." she repiled, "and would marry him if I knew I was going to my death."

The bride is now virtually a prisoner with her afflicted husband.

The arrangements to have the ceremony performed by telephone were made this morning. Mrs. Lyons, after procuring the license to marry Mohren, explained to Superintendent Morgan the difficulty she had met in inding a clergyman, Magistrato Mocleary was appealed to and consented to unite the couple by telephone.

The magistrate read the ceremony and

and wite, and allogated at attetacy, conclusion.

After kissing her husband good-bye the woman was led away to a funigating bath. She will be kept at the hospital for the next fifteen days, and if she shows no indications at that time of having the smallpox, she will be discharged. The physicians have no hope for Mehren's recovery.

Alleyne.

STARTLING STATISTICS

Railways of the Country Is Broken.

3,787 DEAD: 51,343 INJURED

Percentage of Increase of Deaths on the Rail Is Over Sixty-four.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Whs is regarded by the Interstate Commerce Commission as "an alarming exhibit" the record of railroad accidents for the year ended June 30, 1904, now made sued by the commission to-day, and com pletes the publication of accidents for

increase over the previous year of 5.599 casualties, or 233 killed and 5,366 injured, casualties, or 233 killed and 5,368 injured, and makes a new record in disasters. These figures do not include accidents at highway crossings, to trespassers or persons walking along the tracks, in shops remote from the railroad or to employes not actually on duty. Accidents of this nature, a list of which has not yet been made out, annually swell the total by thousands.

thousands.

In the last quarter of the year there were 23 passengers and 144 employes killed and 1,134 passengers and 1,244 employes injured. The total number of collisions and derallments in this quarter was 2,418, of which 210 affected passenger trains. The damage in these accidents amounted to \$2,015,222.

In commenting on the figures for the year the interstate Commerce Commission says:

year the Interstate Commerce Commission says:

"In the cplision record the silient feature is the fact that three cases occurred on block signalied lines. Two of these fortunately were unattended by fatalities, but the third killed three passengers. This case is somewhat similar to a notable one recorded in January, 1903, where more than one-hundred passengers were killed or injured (twenty-three deaths). In both cases the automatic

block signal equipment of the road was complete, and in good order. While, as in these cases, the block system, as used and administered on the bost managed railroads, does not provide against extreme recklessness or all kinds of gross negligence, and to that extent falls short of perfection, the roads not block signalised continue to fill the reports with costly and fatal collisions, which the block signal would undoubtedly have prevented. The other collisions show costly blunders, which would be starting if they had not become so common.

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"The large increase of \$4½ per cent. In
the number of fatal accidents to passengers, is but the record of a condition
which has already been made familiar by
the quarterly, builetins and by the daily
newspapers month by month. In the first
quarter of the year a rear collision of
circus trains and a butting collision of a
passenger train and freight killed twenty-two each. In the second quarter one
collision of passenger trains caused
thirty-two deaths, another eighteen and
a third sixteen; and a deraliment due to
on necident obstruction of the track
swelled the death list for the quarter to
figures far beyond any ever before recorded. This quarter also shows two collis ons of work trains. killing, together,
thirty-three railroad employes.

"In the third quarter eighteen persons
were killed in one collision. The fourth
quarter, now reported, has no collisions
so disastrous as those here recounted."

GIRL BABIES IN SMALL MINORITY

New York Statistics Concerning Births and the Sex of the Babies.

Although there are more boys than girls born in New York, the martial spirit to which Chicago attributes the increase in the ratio of boys in that city is evidently

which Chicago attributes the increase in the ratio of boys in that city is evidently less rampant here.

From January 1 to October 1, 1904, there were 44,891 births in Manhattan. Of these 22,720 were males and 22,161 females, making the majority of boys £88, a very poor showing for martial spirit, when compared with Chicago's gain of 1,009 in; a smaller total for the same time.

Last year New York made a better showing. The figures for a corresponding period of 1903 showed 42,121 births, of which 21,398 were males and 20,523 females, a majority of \$85 for the boys.

The year 1902 was a good one for the boys also. The total number of births in the number of boys over girls, 1,535. These figures are for the entire city, however, and those for 1903 and 1904 are for Manhattan only.

Dr. Guilfoy, of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, says that the ordinary ratio in New York city is 104 or 165 boys to every 106 girls, but that so many more boy than girl bables die that by the age of two years the sexes are about even in number.

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CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT. YOU WILL WANT TO READ THIS STORY LATER, IF NOT NOW.

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

CHAPTER XX-Continued.

"Nay; Trante rfirst laid hand upon his nead," said Harcomb. "How say you, Tranter? The matter may rest where it i with all concerned if it come to the ears

"My name is known in these parts," sald Tranter, proudly. "I can let pass what might leave a stain upon another. what might leave a stain upon another, the armory wall, pass the church of St. Let him pick up his grove and say that Remi, and so down the Rue des Apotres."

he has done amiss."
"I would see him in the claws of the devil first," whispered Ford.
"You hear, young sir?" said the peace-maker, "Our friend will overlook the matter if you do but say that you have acted in heat and haste."
"It is our custom, young sir, when new squires come amongst us from England, to test them in some such way. Bethink you that if a man have a destrier or a new lance he will ever try it, in time of peace, lest in days of need it may fall him. How much more, then, is it proper to test those who are our comrades in arms?"

arms?"
"I would draw out if it may honorably be done." murmured Norbury in Alleyne's ear. "The man is a noted swordsman and far above your strength."
Edrieson came, however, of that sturdy Saxan blood which is very slowly heated, but once up not easily to be cooled. The hint of danger which Norbury threw out was the one thing needed to harden his resolution.

was the same resolution. "I came here at the back of my master." he said, "and I looked on every man here as an Englishman and a friend. This gentleman hath shown me a rough welcome, and if I have answered him the has but himself.

come, and if I have answered him he same spirit he has but himself thank. I will pick the glove or oertes, I shall abide what I have

Tranter shrugged his shoulders. "You have done what you could to save him, Harcomb." said he. "We had best settle So say I," cried Alleyne, "The council will not break up until the banquet," remarked a gray-haired squire. "You have a clear two hours," "And the place?"

"The tilting-yard is empty at this

"Nay; it must not be within the grounds of the court, or it may go hard

of the prince."
"But there is a quiet spot near the river, said one youth. "We have but to pass through the abbey grounds, along

a blow had been struck. foot longer than that of our friend." "Take mine, Alleyne!" said Ford,

derstand the weight and balance of mine own. To work, sir, for our lord may need us at the abbey!"

Tranter's great sword was indeed a mighty vantage in his favor. He stood with his feet close together, his knees bent outwards, ready for a dash inwards or a spring out. The weapon lie held straight up in front of him with blade erect, so that he might either bring it down with a swinging blow, or by a turn of the heavy made he might guard his own head and body. A further protection lay in the broad and powerful guard which crossed the hilt, and which was furnished with a deep and narrow notch. In which an expert swordsman might catch his foeman's blade, and by a quick turn of his wrist might snap it across. Alleyne, on the other hand, must trust for his defence to his quick eye and active foot—for his sword, though keen as a whetstone could make it, was of a light and gran ful build with a narrow. sloping pommel and a tapering steel.

Tranter well knew his advantage and lost no time in putting it to use. As his opponent walked towards him he suddenly bounded forward and sent in a whistling cut which would have severed the other twain had he not sprung lightly back from it. So close was it that the point ripped a gash in the jutting edge of his linen cyclas. Quick as a panther, Alleyne, sprang in with a thrust but Tranter, who was as active as he was strong, had already recovered himself and turned it aside with a movemen of his heavy blade. Again he whizzed in a blow which made the spectators hold their breath, and agaid Alleyne very quickly and swiffly slipped from under it, and sent back two lightning thrusts which, the other could scarce parry. So close were they to each other that Alleyne had no time to spring back from the next cut, which beat down his word and grazed his forehead, sending the blood streaming into his eyes and down his cheeks. He sprang out beyond sword sweep, and the pair stood breathing heavily, while the crowd of young squires buzzed their applauke.

"Bravely struck on both sidea!" cried which crossed the hill, and which was strive, and one youth. "We have but trushed with a deep and narrow notch. In which an expert swordsman might." To pass through the abbry grounds, along the same passes. The property of the pass through the abbry grounds, along the whole assembly looked own. He was do sown the Rue deep Apptress."

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"Then stand on your guard, sir!" With a clatter and dash the two blades met once more, Alleyne pressing in so as to keep within the full sweep of the heavy blade, while Tranter as continually sprang back to have space for one of his fatal cuts. A three-parts-parried blow drew blood from Alleyne's left shoulder, but at the same moment he wounded Tranter slightly upon the thigh. Next instant however, his blade had slipped into the fatal notch, there was a sharp cracking southd with a tinkling upon the ground, and he found a splintered piece of steel fifteen inches long was all that remained to him of his weapon.

"Your life is in my hands!" cried "Nay, friends," he answered, "I understand the weight and balance of mine to him of his weapon.
"Your life is in my hands!" cried
Tranter, with a bitter smile.
"Nay, nay, he makes submission!" broke

for having used me despitefully?" asked | stream. One and twice his gasping fac and clutching fingers broke up through the still green water, sweeping outward in the swirl of the current. In value

strokes for his late foeman.
Yet the current was swift and strong, and, good swimmer as he was, it was no easy task which Alleyne had set himself. To clutch at Tranter and to selze him by the hair was the work of a few seconds, but to hold his head above water and to make their way out of the current was another matter. For a hundred strokes he did not seem to gain an inch. Then at last, amid a shout of joy and praise from the bank, they slowly drew clear into more stagnant water, at the instant that rope, made of a dozen swordbelts linked together by the buckles, was in several squires.

"Another sword!" cried Ford.

"Nay, sir" said Harcomb, "that is not the custom."